

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT - STRUCTURAL SAFETY (DSA-SS)**

**REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE 2005 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC)  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR), TITLE 24, PART 3**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action.

**STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND RATIONALE.**

The Division of the State Architect - Structural Safety (DSA-SS) proposes to repeal the 2002 edition of the National Electrical Code, and adopt the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code for effectiveness as the California Electrical Code, 2007 edition. DSA proposes this action in order to comply with state law requiring state agencies to propose for adoption the latest edition model code within one year of the publication date.

No amendments to the 2005 edition NEC are being proposed by DSA-SS. State administrative amendments contained in Article 89 are being continued with revisions as indicated in the express terms document. These proposed revisions were developed in a coordinated effort of the proposing state agencies (DSA, HCD, OSHPD, SFM) and the Building Standards Commission staff.

Building standards proposed by DSA-SS for adoption would be applicable to public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, and state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings.

**TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS.**

None required, as Section 18928 of the Health & Safety Code mandates this proposed action, and no amendments are being proposed.

**CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES.**

The Division of the State Architect has not considered any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, as this action is required by law, and no amendments are being proposed.

**REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.**

The Division of the State Architect has not identified any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, and no potential adverse impacts on small business are expected as a result of this proposed action.

**FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS.**

The Division of the State Architect has no evidence indicating any potential significant adverse impact on business with regard to the proposed action.

**DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS.**

The regulations do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.